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The Microsoft Settlement is deeply flawed.

My primary objection is that Microsoft is not required to keep even a pro forma separation between Operating Systems Development and Applications development. Any reasonable settlement should include a provision enforcing a "Chinese Wall" between these divisions, so that other companies play on a level field with Microsoft. This will also help ensure that Microsoft does not leverage loopholes in the settlement (as it has so often in the past) to obfuscate their APIs -- their own applications divisions will be just as encumbered.

Thank you for your time, and I hope that a significantly stronger solution may be found.

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